

Claim Amendments:

Please cancel non-elected claims 1-15 and add new claims 18-29 so that the pending claim set reads as follows:

--1-15. (canceled)

16. (original) A two-shot method of making a grip cap for a container, comprising the steps of:

molding in a die having a first part and a second part a cap shell conforming to the interior of the die so as to have a top wall and a skirt bounded by a lower rim at an angle to an outer surface of the skirt;

supporting the cap shell on the first die part;

interchanging the second die part with a third die part;

allowing the cap shell to shrink on the first die part so that the lower rim is spaced from an adjacent surface of the first die part;

joining the first and third die parts with the cap shell therebetween; and

molding a grip layer integrally with the cap shell having a plurality of raised ribs extending along the outer surface of the skirt and a gasket extending along the lower rim.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein the cap shell is formed by injecting a thermoplastic resin between the first and second die parts and wherein the grip layer is formed by injecting an elastomeric resin between the cap shell and the first and third die parts.

18. (new) A grip cap for a container, comprising:

a cap shell having a top wall and a skirt depending down from the top wall to a lower rim for receiving a neck of the container, the cap shell having an outer surface and an underside including the lower rim; and

a grip layer having a plurality of ribs raised from the outer surface of the cap shell in spaced relation and extending along the skirt between the top wall and the lower rim;

wherein the grip cap is formed in a two-shot method including:

molding the cap shell in a die having a first part and a second part such that the cap shell conforms to the interior of the die;

supporting the cap shell on the first die part;

interchanging the second die part with a third die part;

allowing the cap shell to shrink on the first die part so that the lower rim is spaced from an adjacent surface of the first die part;

joining the first and third die parts with the cap shell therebetween; and

molding the grip layer integrally with the cap shell.

19. (new) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the cap shell is made of a thermoplastic material and the ribs are made of an elastomeric material.

20. (new) The grip cap of claim 19, wherein the cap shell is polypropylene.

21. (new) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the ribs are spaced equi-angularly about an axis about which the cap shell is concentric.

22. (new) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the grip layer further includes a pad integrally molded to an upper surface of the cap shell top wall.

23. (new) The grip cap of claim 22, wherein the pad and the ribs are the same material and the ribs join together at the pad.

24. (new) The grip cap of claim 22, wherein the pad has a diameter less than the top wall of the cap shell.

25. (new) The grip cap of claim 22, wherein the cap shell is molded to extend upward through the pad to present raised indicia.

26. (new) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the ribs join at a gasket extending along the underside of the lower rim.

27. (new) The grip cap of claim 26, wherein the gasket and the ribs are the same material and wherein the ribs join together at the gasket.

28. (new) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the cap shell has one or more flanges surrounded by the skirt and extending down from the top wall that directly engage the container.

29. (new) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the flanges engage an inner cap removably mounted over an opening of the container.--